

Message from the American Embassy

September 24, 2009

Dear Registrant:

The U.S. Embassy in Quito and U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil wish to inform American citizens visiting or resident in Ecuador that the computerized Foreign Service Officer Test will be offered at the U.S. Embassy in Quito on October 5-8, 2009. There will be two testing opportunities per day, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM, for a total of eight sessions. Additionally, the U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil will offer the Foreign Service Officer Test on October 3, 2009. Test times for Guayaquil will be determined based on the number of registrants for the exam.

U.S. Citizens who are interested in taking the Foreign Service Officer Test should visit www.careers.state.gov for further information on the exam and registration for the test. The website also contains information on the many different career opportunities available with the Department of State.

Please be advised that the registration process for the Foreign Service Officer Test has recently changed. The application process begins with the completion of a registration package consisting of an application form and a set of personal narrative questions. These elements, taken together, provide information about your experience and qualifications. Applicants will need approximately three hours to complete the registration package.

Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website, and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. Please see the following links for local warden message information in Quito and Guayaquil, respectively, <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov> and <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov>.

U.S. citizens should consult the Country Specific Information for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the Department's web site at <http://travel.state.gov>. Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The telephone during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) is (011) 593 2 398 5000 X3800. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. See also the Embassy web site at <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov>. American Citizen walk-

in hours are between 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Thursday, excluding U.S. and Ecuadorian holidays.

The U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies; fax (011-593-4) 232-0904. See the Consulate General web site at <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov>.

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